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Application No.: 09/727,046 ) Examiner: H. Cho  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the non-final Office Action, dated September 14, 2005, please  
amend the present application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.



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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$65.00 ☐ \$130.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is enclosed.
- ☐ A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	22	22	0	x \$50.00 =	0
Ind. Claims	3	Minus 6	0	x \$200.00 =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00					
Total Amendment Fee					0
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					0


- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$ \_ to Deposit Account no. 50-1070.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other appropriate fees that may be required by this paper that are not accounted for above, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.

Respectfully submitted,

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